State of Hawaii

Chief Election Officer

# FACTSHEET VOTERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

### ASSISTANCE AT THE POLLING PLACE:

Any voter who requires assistance to vote (by reason of physical, visual, hearing impairment or inability to read or write) may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, as long as the person who is helping is not the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or agent of the voter's union. (42 United States Code 1973aa-6).

## **MULTI-LINGUAL ASSISTANCE:**

Oral assistance and/or written assistance is available for voters with difficulty understanding the English language.

Voters who need language assistance should contact the chairperson or designated Voter Assistance Official assigned to the polling place.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

#### For Persons with Visual Disabilities:

For the visually impaired a taped message about voting in Hawaii is available at the Office of Elections and at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Magnification devices are available for use by voters at the polling place.

# For Persons with Hearing or Speech Disabilities:

Election information is available through the Hawaii Voter Hotline's TTY phone: (808) 453-6150.

Or through Verizon Hawaii's Statewide Telecommunications Relay Service for the deaf and speech impaired: The toll-free TRS telephone number is 1711 or 643-8833 (TTY).

# **Election Day Assistance at Polling Place:**

Polling places throughout the state are accessible to physically impaired voters. Voters who are unable to leave their vehicles to vote may use curbside voting services. Special parking for the handicapped are also available at most polling places.

# **ABSENTEE VOTING:**

Any registered voter who cannot get to his/her polling place may request an absentee ballot by mail from their County Clerk's office. The clerk's office will mail an absentee ballot along with instructions upon receiving a request from the voter by mail or in person. Requests are accepted no earlier than 60 days before the election, and no later than 7 days prior to the election (HRS § 15-4).

For more information, please contact your county clerk's office.

COUNTY CLERK OF HAWAII 25 Aupuni Street, Room 105 Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (808)961-8277 FAX:(808) 961-8673

COUNTY CLERK OF KAUAI 4396 Rice Street, Room 106 Lihue, Hawaii 96766 (808)241-6350 FAX: (808) 241-6207 CITY CLERK OF HONOLULU Honolulu Hale 530 South King Street, Room 100 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 (808) 523-4293 FAX: (808) 527-6888

COUNTY CLERK OF MAUI 200 South High Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 (808)270-7749 FAX: (808) 270-7171

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